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Dear Dr. Kitchener:

May I just express my appreciation for your little book in the Methuen series "Ion-Exchange Resins" which I found to be a most useful and intelligible survey.

Next, I am going to ask a substantial favor which might save me a great many hours of library work. I am interested in "condensation resins" in a biological research context, although as you imply they are out of fashion for industrial applications. On page 14, you indicate "many modifications of the condensation resins have been proposed" ... I would like to ask your help in furnishing a number of key references, preferably reviews, from which I might be sure of finding the most recent developments, and tracing back through the literature for the earlier ones. The literature on ion-exchange resins as a whole is so vast that the help of an expert can save me a great deal of time indeed. Most texts are not very helpful on this point as they stress currently available products and their applications.

I would be especially interested to know of condensations that have produced, or might readily be expected to produce, mixed, ampholytic resins with both acidic and basic residues in the same polymers.

Your remarks on p. 95, on resin-enzyme combinations were also intriguing.

Yours sincerely,

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